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# FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION IN GEORGIA

## Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General (A/48/699/Add.1) on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG). During its consideration of the item, the Committee was provided with additional information.

2. The Security Council, by its resolution 858 (1993) of 24 August 1993, decided to establish UNOMIG for a period of six months subject to the proviso that it would be extended beyond the initial 90 days upon a review by the Council.

3. As indicated in paragraph 4 of the addendum to the Secretary-General's report, the Security Council, by its resolution 892 (1993) of 22 December 1993, authorized the phased deployment of up to 50 additional United Nations military observers to UNOMIG. In that resolution, the Council also noted "the intention of the Secretary-General to plan and prepare for a possible further expansion of UNOMIG to ensure prompt deployment should the situation on the ground and the course of negotiations warrant it".

4. By its resolution 901 (1994) of 4 March 1994, the Security Council decided to extend UNOMIG's mandate for an additional interim period terminating on 31 March 1994.

5. As indicated in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the addendum, the Secretary-General, in his report to the Security Council of 18 March 1994 (S/1994/312), recommended that the mandate of UNOMIG be extended further to 30 June 1994 at its current strength of 21 military observers.

6. In paragraph 18 of the addendum, the Secretary-General outlined the actions to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session in connection with the financing of UNOMIG.

7. In section VI of the addendum, the Secretary-General estimated the cost of UNOMIG for the two-month period from 1 February to 31 March 1994 at $1,251,800 gross ($1,220,100 net). The summary statement of the cost estimates and supplementary information were contained in annexes I and II to the addendum. As indicated in paragraph 16 of the addendum, "in view of the period covered by the present mandate and the increase in the size of the mission since mid-January 1994, the cost estimates provided in annexes III and IV of the Secretary-General's main report (A/48/699) in respect of the period beyond 31 January 1994 are hereby superseded". As indicated in paragraph 7 of annex II to the addendum, provision has been made for 21 military observers from 1 February to 31 March 1994. Of these 21 observers, 19 had already been deployed during the period ending 31 January 1994 and 2 had been added during March 1994.

8. In section VII of the addendum, the Secretary-General estimated the cost of UNOMIG at a strength of 21 military observers for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1994 at $1,002,600 gross ($939,000 net). The summary statement and supplementary information were provided in annexes III and IV to the addendum.

9. As stated in paragraph 3 of annex IV and reflected in annex V to the addendum, the cost estimate provides for a total of 12 international civilian staff (3 Professional, 7 Field Service and 2 General Service) and 6 local staff.

10. As indicated in paragraph 18 of annex IV and reflected in annex VIII to the addendum, a hazardous duty station allowance of $600 per person per month is budgeted for international staff and an equivalent of 15 per cent of their net monthly pay is budgeted for this for local staff. In this connection, the Committee recalls and reiterates its observation in its report (A/48/900) that any payment relating to hazardous duty station allowance should be made in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the United Nations.

11. The Advisory Committee recommends acceptance of the Secretary-General's estimates for UNOMIG, as contained in the addendum to his report, including the request for commitment authority at a monthly rate of $334,200 gross ($313,000 net) for the period after 30 June 1994, should the Security Council decide to continue UNOMIG beyond that date. Further requests by the Secretary-General could be considered if UNOMIG is expanded beyond its current level of 21 military observers.

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